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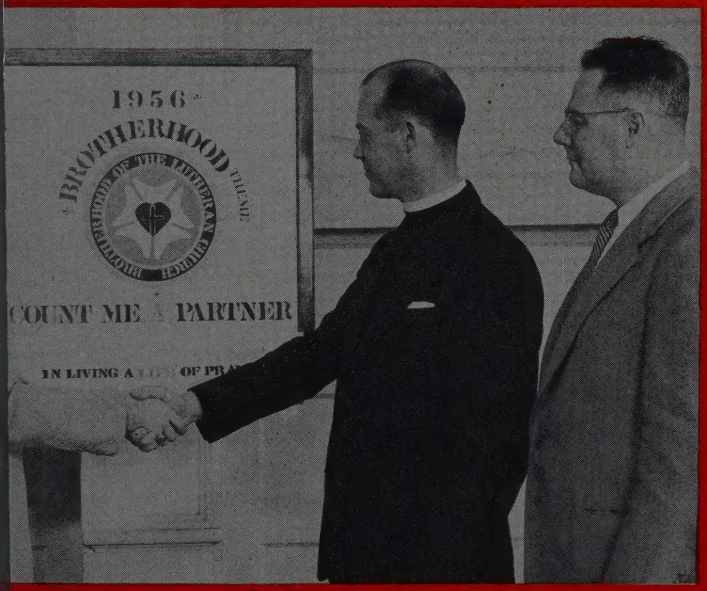

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Theme, Speakers Announced for Kitchener Convention

EUGENE H. KELCHNER

Make no mistake of it! Plans are pidly shaping up for the 20th Bi-nial Convention of the ULCA otherhood to be held in Kitchener, ıtario, Canada this coming Sep-nber.

Two general committees and a mber of subcommittees have been work for months in preparation the three-day conclave which is pected to attract leaders of or-nized Lutheran men's work from nost every section of the continent. gene H. Kelchner is chairman of ULCA Brotherhood's general mmittee, while Earl Stieler heads the committees of the Canada Syn- Brotherhood, which are caring most of the local arrangements. Announcement has been made by lchner, who is also secretary of ULCA Brotherhood, that accept-ces have now been received for all ee principal theme addresses. A nvention chaplain to be selected by Ministerial Committee of the nada Synod will round out the ter of speakers. He will also bring meditations as a part of the gen-l convention theme, "Be Ye Lifted !"

Listed below are the three men o are already lined up to bring piration to the many delegates and visitors who are expected to attend:

Dr. William F. Zimmerman, wide-ly known layman of our church, who is dean of Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska, has just wired that he will be happy to bring the opening chal-lenge to "Lift Up Your Heads!" at a rally to be held in Kitchener, Thurs-day, September 20.

Dr. Dwight Putman

Dr. Dwight F. Putman, president of the Central Pennsylvania Synod, and ULCA representative to the Na-tional Council of Churches of Christ in America, will speak at the Friday evening service in St. Peter's Church

on the second phase of the theme, "Lift Up Thy Voice!"

Dr. Franklin C. Fry, busy president of our Church, who was the banquet speaker at the Washington Convention in 1952, has again been invited to provide the homeward thoughts. He is to speak on "Lift Up Now Thine Eyes!" at the banquet to be held on Saturday evening, the 22nd, in the Mutual Life Assurance Auditorium, Waterloo.

The next meeting of the host co mittee has been set for April 23 Kitchener, and will be attended the new executive secretary of ULCA Brotherhood, Howard L. gan.

Watch for further publicity these columns about this outstand convention, and be sure to encir and reserve the dates.

"C You in Canada" September to 22!"

In the Spirit of the Living Christ

by MERWYN C. FUSS

"Put Your Shoulder To The Wheel"

Men of the Brotherhood:

Each spring as I join with you in singing, "Christ is risen, Alleluia, Risen our victorious Head", I thrill anew at the freshness, the vigor and reality of His gracious and eternal love. The seasonal unfolding of new life in nature takes on a new meaning for me. Men! May our joy in our Risen Lord be full!

May I share another post-Easter thought with you? It is the unfathomed depth of suffering, agony and shame to which He went which makes His victory over sin, death and the devil so significant. And so in the strength and light of His conquoring love, I am made humble because of the "O so little", that I and my fellow brethren of His Church do that His way might be made known among men.

Why, I keep asking myself, is t true? I think we must admit that enthusiasm for His work chills rapidly and we do not work in Spirit of the Living Christ.

I know those of us who attend the Atlanta Convention in 1954 w all thrilled, when with much enthu asm the Brotherhood voted the ceptance of the most challeng goals in our history. This was spl did and indicated the desire on part of delegates to return to th respective fields and really take h of the work of the Brotherhood w much emphasis and vigor. If this h been done in the Spirit of the liv Christ, our reports would be most couraging. But this was not do From available reports it would in cate that most of us forgot all ab the goals we voted for in Atlan

ords show that we are far short of
y goal and we have only five
ths left in which to change the
ure. As it now stands we will have
o to Kitchener and receive the re-
s of our work for the past two
s with bowed heads and heavy
ts. This admonition will again
elt when our Brotherhood reports
made before our great Church in
vention at Harrisburg, Pa., in
ber. We must not forget that at
onto, Canada, we informed the
ted Lutheran Church of our goals.
Church has the right to expect
e than we can possibly present
his time.

s there anything that we can do
his late date? Yes, there is, al-
gh I must admit our position is
erate. We can still succeed if we
ly want to succeed. All of us in-
dually have known the experience
oming through at the last minute.
en all seemed lost we braced our-
es, gave that last ounce of effort
surprised ourselves. But we never
eeded this way alone—we took
into our confidence, our plan-
g; we prayed, we lived in the
it of the living Lord. Men of the
therhood! Wherever you are!
oever you are! Synodical, con-
nce, district officers and leaders,
gregational officers and every
n of the congregational Brother-
ds, put your shoulder to the wheel
your heart and soul to the cause
he living Christ. It can be done.
must be done. God forbid, that
strongest potential arm of His
rch should fail Him at a time
like this.

What must we really do in the next five months in order to reach our goals at the time of the Kitchener Convention? Hold your hats, here they are:

1. We must enroll 20,000 new members in our congregational Brotherhoods.

2. We must organize 125 new congregational Brotherhoods.

3. We must win for Christ 6,000 new members to our Church.

4. We must boost the King's Men crusade with much more emphasis; only a small number of the congregations of our Church have used or are now using this very helpful program to increase church attendance.

Men, our foremost concern is not that we do not break faith with our Atlanta enthusiasm and its attending shame. Rather, our sincere concern must be that these goals be met for what they themselves contain and set forth. Christ would want 20,000 men, and more, inspired and refreshed by being connected with the kind of congregational Brotherhoods we ought to have. Yes, He would like to know that more than 125 congregations have men eager to concentrate their efforts for His program. It is foolish to think for one minute that 6,000 new souls in His Church will satisfy His hunger and longing for *all* of humanity. When we look at our goals in this light they seem small; and when we think of them as unattainable we are admitting that we do not operate in the Spirit of the Living Christ.

"Rise up, O men of God!
Be done with lesser things,
Give heart, and soul, and
mind, and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Yes, men, in this spirit we will go forward. Stand each of you in the awe of the love of Christ, and purpose to work with Him. Never have we had more effective tools with which to work. Increasingly, congregations are finding the King's Men program to be greatly effective. We are, in many areas of our Church, executing the mammoth evangelism program with splendid results. The season is here for many synodical and conference conventions, at which we may go all out for our Brotherhood. Men are asking for and expecting tasks in their Churches as never before. Use these tools, use them to the utmost. Work and pray.

I can promise all of you the continued interest and efforts of my associate officers and myself. We will continue to do our best to advance this work. Call upon us when y need us. Furthermore, our new elected executive secretary, Broth Howard L. Logan, is now installed our efficiently equipped Headqua ters at our Church House at 2 Madison Ave., New York, prepar and anxious to assist you in eve way.

Men, let us not be weary in w doing; but rather, let us be up a doing. Although the months ahe seem packed with work and ch lenges, let us accept them as just th A stiff challenge never hurt anyo or any organization. In this po Easter season let us renew our e thusiasm in the Spirit of the livi Christ and move forward with Hi and for His glory.

Sincerely
Merwyn G. Sass

News and Views from Headquarters

by HOWARD L. LOGAN

During April and May almost all of the synods of the United Lutheran Church hold their annual conventions. Through the energetic effort of Jack Oetgen of Atlanta, Ga., se retary of the ULCA Brotherhoo Evangelism Committee, a number presentations were made explaini

King's Men program of the erhood by representatives of nodical Brotherhoods. Approxly fifteen synods were supplied literature and a suggested script resentation.

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rough the kindness of ULCA dent Franklin Clark Fry, the erhood had an opportunity to duce its new executive secreto the presidents of synods at pril meeting of the Conference nodical Presidents in Indian-, Ind. Howard Logan made a ntation of Brotherhood pro- and had opportunity to talk to rs of synods where at present synodical Brotherhoods exist. Indianapolis Logan went to Lake, Wisc., to look in on the ng of the Board of Managers of General Department of Men's of the NCCCUSA.

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u are invited to atend a Na- Convention of Christian Men, ored by United Church Men of CCCUSA, to be held at Cleve- Ohio, Sept. 14-16, beginning .m. Friday and closing at noon nday. The convention will be at the Cleveland Auditorium. is not a delegated convention ny one of our men may attend. heme is "You Shall be My Wit-." Speakers include Congress- Walter Judd, Evangelist Billy am, and Mayor H. R. Bartle of s City. The Brotherhood office appreciate knowing the names ddresses of any men who plan to attend.

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Perhaps for the first time, the ULCA was in TV in a big way. Starting on April 2 and for five additional first Mondays of the month, Lutherans were sponsoring the Matinee Theatre of the NBC television chain. Sponsored by Lutheran Television Associates comprising representatives of the American, Evangelical, Augustana and United Lutheran Churches, the new venture received an audience of over 5 million viewers. Richard Sutcliffe of the ULCA PTR staff is the executive director.

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For your information, there is available a church bulletin with a message on page 4, with pages 2 and 3 blank, for special services in which the *Pro Deo et Patria* award is presented to scouts. These can be ordered from the National Lutheran Committee on Scouting office, 701 Second Ave., So., Minneapolis 2, Minn., or from ULCA Brotherhood Headquarters.

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A number of applications have been received in the New York office for the Lamb Award for adult scouters. These have been forwarded to the committee appointed by President Fuss. It is hoped that the announcement of the winners will be made sometime in May. Awards are to be made each year. In 1956 no more than ten Lamb Awards will be made to ULCA adult scout leaders.

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May we suggest a worth-while pro-

ject for your Brotherhood or men's organization. Secure from your pastor the names of the men in the armed forces of our nation. Keep in contact with the pastor as to when they shall be released from service. When these men are returned to civilian status, make an effort to interest these young men in your church and men's group. Frequently these men do not return to the youth groups of the congregation, because they are older. The Brotherhood has an opportunity to conserve these men to the church and seems to offer a natural opportunity for their talent.

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THE LUTHERAN of March 28 reported another evidence of the merit of the King's Men program. Grace Church, Pottstown, Pa., was without a pastor for awhile. When the Rev. Richard Hoffert arrived he was surprised to find considerable activity in the parish. The laymen had c
pleted a church attendance cru
in connection with the use of Ki
Men program, which resulted in
creased attendances at services.

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Worth-while projects of n
groups coming to our atention re
ly include one by the Rochester
ference Brotherhood of the
York and New England Synod.
sponsored the appearance of Dr.
win Moll in Rochester May 5
part of their annual spring
Another project, sponsored by
Los Angeles Lutheran Bus
Men's Club is a Socio-Psychi
Clinic in cooperation with the
fornia Lutheran Hospital and
University of Southern Califo
Through this clinic the Club
to make a contribution to the
adjustment of family life in
Lutheran community.

100,000 Membership Campaign

by B. T. BODIE

Michigan Leads Nation With 170 Per Cent Increase in Membership

Congratulations are in order for the Brotherhood of the Michigan Synod for having the highest percentage increase in membership during the year 1955 of any synod in the United Lutheran Church in America.

Michigan may have solved the problem of engaging men in the work of the Brotherhood; first, by dev
ing a varied program; second
enlisting the interest of the pres
and pastors of the synod; thir
giving all the men an opportuni
do something by developing a
gram vital to the future life o
church; fourth, by keeping the

nformed through news letters, re-reats and informative convention en-ertainment.

* There are not many jobs in the church hat the pastor can do well alone. He can e far more effective if he has partners. It well to remember that even Moses profited om the support which he received from the ands of Aaron and Hur.

The business of saving the world is the usiness of the laity as well as the ministry.

award was made at the annual convention.

The director mails out from time to time letters of interest to the various Brotherhoods within the synod. Likewise it has been the practice for the past four years for the president of the synodical Brotherhood to mail

T. V. Winter

We present President T. V. Winter s shown in his business office, to-ether with the facts on how he has uilt up the membership of his Michi-an Synod Brotherhood.

"The increase in membership of ne constituent Brotherhoods of the Iichigan Synod Brotherhood is chief-y due to the following procedures, ethods and programs followed dur-ng the year."

The promotion director and three ssistants promoted an attendance rogram for the purpose of increas-ng attendance and organizing new rotherhoods during the year. During ne past three years a plaque was warded to the Brotherhood having ne highest percentage of attendance, ased on the membership from Sep-ember 1 to April 1 inclusive. The

news letters to as many of the members as possible.

The continued cooperation of all the synodical officers has in a large measure been a big factor in the continued growth of the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood received very good cooperation from the president and pastors of the Michigan Synod.

Another factor which materially assisted in the growth was the Gun Lake Improvement project sponsored by the Brotherhood throughout the synod. This project was started for the purpose of raising money to construct ten cabins at the Lutheran Summer Camp at Gun Lake, Michigan. This was undertaken by the "men of the Brotherhood" to increase the facilities of the camp for the benefit of the children and young people. All labor for the project was given by the men of the Brotherhoods.

* The short quotations in this article are by astors about the laymen of the church.

One paid supervisor was employed by the camp board, but paid for out of money raised for the project. The fact that men could take part in material work at the camp increased activity and created a feeling that more were needed to give the necessary time and talent to see the project completed.

I feel safe in saying that any church is better off when the laymen of that church are taught, trained and united in a group for its support and advancement.

The fellowship of worship of working together in youth camp, housing job, or whatever it may be, does something tremendous to men in the church.

The fall retreat held each September with varied programs on stewardship, evangelism and the King's Men program have been very well attended each year. At the retreat both work and recreation are available which create good Christian fellowship and give everyone in attendance an opportunity to hear the other fellow's problems and help to solve them. Likewise many good ideas are exchanged. Questions and answers during the open forum periods are usually plentiful. The retreat usually starts on Friday evening and ends on Saturday afternoon. An executive committee meeting follows at the close of the retreat.

Their Christian faith and knowledge creased as men met in church school class forums and discussion groups.

The annual conventions have be well attended. Since a program entertainment for ladies has been pr vided and brought to the fellowsh banquet, attendance has further i creased.

We constantly remind ourselves that t is not a civic club but a church organizati and each program is planned as a period spiritual enrichment and growth.

The men have continually and co stantly strived to improve t Brotherhood throughout the syno tried to get men who have attended a meetings regularly and will do wha ever work may be assigned to the during the year. In that part of t program the Michigan Brotherhoo has been very successful. Preside Winter states that "it is gratifying work with such a fine group of me throughout the Michigan Synod."

I believe so strongly in men's organizatio that one of the first things I do when I go a church where they do not have one is organize one.

What do laymen mean to me, a pastor? Th mean strength, leadership, service, power the church.

God be praised for consecrated men of Go

We hope to bring reports fro other Brotherhoods as they come us.

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God Is a Skeptic, Too

Skepticism is neither more nor less than man's necessary effort to distinguish betwe sense and nonsense in every dimension of his world. Skepticism, thus defined, is more th a human requirement. God himself demands it; for God is much more of an unbeliever tha is any atheist. He does not believe at all in the false gods we prefer to Him—our ma made gods of race and class, of nation and creed.

Dr. David Wesley Soper
Epistle to the Skeptics
Association Press

utpost in Tanganyika

ROLLIN G. SHAFFER

Support Lutheran World Action

eldom have I acquired so much
ne in three days. The road to Ol-
ni, Tanganyika, has long stretch-
where the volcanic dust is four
es deep. Mission Superintendent
er Danielson kept the car on the
alled road while Dr. George Hall
I cranked the windows down for
reath of fresh air whenever the
t clouds subsided.

pproaching Oldeani Mission and
pensary at dusk, we saw two rows
ights which I assumed to be elec-
lights in a two-story building.
we came closer, it became appar-
that the lights were open fires
re families of the patients were
king supper for themselves and
r sick relatives.

he dispensary had been opened
y one month before. A one-story
k building with corrugated iron
f, the dispensary still had no
rs, windows or ceilings. The fif
beds were all occupied. Thirty-
patients were lying side by side
the cement floor, with one blanket
ece. Some were lying under the
s. Two more were lying outside
the boards of a packing case. Grin-
g up at the only nurse, Sister
lia Doerr, they indicated they had
complaints about the facilities.

By lantern light we counted thirteen Masai men and women crowding the floor of a 9' by 17' room. This tribe had previously been reluctant to come to "white man's medicine," but they have developed confidence in the Lutheran mission. An African evangelist conducts Christian prayers and hymns three times a day—8 a.m., 12 noon and 4 p.m. The natives cannot conceive of healing without prayer, to they stay away from the government dispensary in the next town.

The night before we arrived, Sister Lydia delivered three babies. Her operating room was the "air-conditioned" space under a tree by moonlight. We saw two of the babies in wooden boxes by their mothers. The third baby was placed near the kitchen stove inside the home of Missionary Jackson and his wife.

"This African mother has lost five babies," explained Sister Lydia. "She wants to keep this one."

To add to Sister Lydia's troubles, the water supply failed. Some people farther up the mountains were diverting too much water from the furrow. It took a special trip by moonlight to get the muddy water flowing again into the large open tank.

No electricity is available, of

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he Rev. Rollin G. Shaffer is promotional
etary for Lutheran World Action.

course.

Observing the Rev. Elder Jackson, we concluded that a missionary should also be a plumber, carpenter, stone mason, auto mechanic and inventor. We went with him Sunday morning to a village where, besides chanting the liturgy and preaching in the Swahili language, he accompanied the hymns on a large accordion.

Before the service he questioned two candidates for baptism, a mother and a young man, to make sure the evangelist's instruction had been understood. It was a solemn moment when those two former pagans d clared their Christian faith and we received by baptism into the fello ship of believers.

Anyone who has seen the wo that Lutheran World Action gifts su port in Tanganyika will want to i crease his own giving and encoura others to do likewise. A total $432,504, or about 14 per cent this year's Lutheran World Acti goal, is promised for Tanganyik Here and elsewhere the advance the Gospel is conditioned on our r sponse to the love of God.

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NLC News Pho

They Need Your Continued Support

A Korean family received gifts of Lutheran World Relief clothing, wheat and milk soli from the Rev. James P. Claypool in San Chong Goon, in the mountainous area of South Kore These people are just becoming re-established in their home villages after being evacuat in 1948 due to Communist guerilla activity. Some are able to till their own soil this ye for the first time in six years and are extremely poor. The small quantity of wheat in t bag will help them over until the barley is harvested in the summer.

News

Cover Picture Shows Brotherhood Emblem and 1956 Theme Highlighted

Nick Colquitt (left) receives con-atulations from the Rev. Augustus ckmann, pastor of St. Matthew's urch, Charleston, S. C., for his oduction of the large poster shown. mmander M. B. Brown (right), otherhood president, conceived idea which Mr. Colquitt turned o the inspiring emphasis of the 56 Brotherhood theme encircling Brotherhood emblem.

Many painstaking hours were spent develop the enlarged Brotherhood blem from a small Brotherhood el button. Reproduced in colors sely matching the six colors of Luther Seal, the Brotherhood blem with the 1956 theme prom-ntly accented is an inspiring ster. A. W. Warner framed and rion Drews provided the glass for poster.

The picture hangs in the hall of parish house as a daily reminder d inspiration to all viewers. On eting nights it is displayed in a nspicious position in the meeting om. The topic for the month is ap-nded at the bottom. Shown in the ture is the topic for March.

Mr. Colquitt is not a professional ist, nor is he a Lutheran, yet he nerously contributed his steward-p of talent and effort to plan and oduce this inspirational poster.

This story should not end without pointing out the fact that Mr. Colquitt is also the photographer who took the picture. Later, his photographing of the beautiful interior of the St. Matthew's Church led to a meeting with the choir director, Miss Janet Moede. At this writing it looks as though we have a new baritone for the choir — and we trust a good Lutheran in the making for St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Brotherhood understands that signs are really only guideposts. The Brotherhood is not content with mottos and words, but is determined to follow up with action. This means individual contact on a continuing basis, re-energizing the lapsed and recruiting the new. The goal is an ever-increasing group of Christian laymen who will bear witness and will say with conviction, "Count Me A Partner, Brother."

—Cdr. M. B. Brown, USN

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Trinity, Wheeling, W. Va.

One of the best-liked activities of our Brotherhood is the "coffee fellowship" we sponsor at the church the Sunday prior to our Brotherhood meeting. We serve coffee to the whole congregation after the service.

Another activity is the "thank you" jar. Each Brotherhood member has a glass-jar bank into which a penny is placed after every meal. That money, which amounts to about $1 a month, is turned over to the Brother-

hood treasurer at every Brotherhood meeting night. It serves as the offering and builds up the treasury.

—Jack E. Bero

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David Blomstrom New President Georgia-Alabama Brotherhood

David Blomstrom, second vice president of the ULCA Brotherhood, was elected president of the Georgia-Alabama Synod Brotherhood at its 12th annual convention on March 2 and 3 in Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Savannah. Other officers are Walter A. Reiser, Jr., Augusta, vice president; J. H. Oetgen, Atlanta, secretary; E. P. Berry, Cullman, Alabama, treasurer, and Peter Rhyne, executive committee member.

Mr. E. P. Eyler, representative to the Georgia Legislature from Savannah, brought greetings to the convention.

Six New Brotherhoods

Six new Brotherhoods were reported during the business session: Faith, Warner Robins; St. Paul's, South Decatur; St. Timothy's, Forest Park; Holy Trinity, Marietta; St. John's (re-activated), Rincon, and St. Paul's (re-activated), Savannah.

National Officers Attend

President Merwyn C. Fuss and First Vice President B. T. Bodie, of the ULCA Brotherhood, were present and brought messages concerning transfer of Brotherhood Headquarters from Bethlehem, Pa., to New York; the election of Howard L. Logan as executive secretary, and paid tribute to Earle W. Bader, former executive secretary for years.

Theme: "Here I Stand."

The convention theme was "H I Stand." Pastor Richard Langsd College Park, Ga., was the chapla Workshop leaders and subjects cluded: "Here I Stand"—

"Upon Thy Word," Pastor Paul Renz, Atlanta.

"In Preparation for Christi Leadership," Walter A. Reiser, Augusta.

"In Active Service," E. W. Gna Rincon, Ga.

"Upon the Command of Chris Pastor J. L. Griffin, Savannah.

Pastor Robert E. Lee, Atlanta, the preacher at the Vesper Servi using the subject "The Christia Mission in Our World Today." C. E. Fritz, president of the syn presented a complete up-to-date port of the institutions of synod, auxiliaries, the home mission p gram and the plans for survey new fields for mission congregati in the synod.

Delegates elected to the conve tion of the ULCA Brotherhoo which will be held this year in Kit ener, Ontario, Canada, are Dav Blomstrom and Jack Oetgen, w Walter A. Reiser, Jr., alternate. A proved was a recommendation th congregational Brotherhoods se delegates to that convention.

Other recommendations in the r port of the retiring presider Charles R. Kraus, Atlanta, wer 1. The synodical Brotherhood gi full support to requests of the ULC

otherhood that a retreat be held each district in 1956. 2. That our odical Brotherhood urge that the ng's Men program be used in each ngregation. 3. That all Brother-ods give full support to the Lu-ran Evangelism Mission in their ritory.

Due to business complications, Mr. aus was not able to attend the nvention, and so all business ses-ns were handled by David Blom-om.

The synodical Brotherhood has purchased a copy of the Martin Luther film for use in the synod. Nine scholarships of $11 each have been provided for young people to attend Lutheridge, the summer assembly supported by the southern synods.

Dr. C. E. Fritz installed the newly elected officers. The Rev. William B. Carr, host pastor, and the members of his congregation were most efficient in providing true southern hospitality.

—Paul J. Renz

Pastor's Son Receives First Pro Deo et Patria Award Ever Presented In First English Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, Conn.

The first **Pro Deo et Patria** award in the fifty-three year history of First English Lutheran urch was presented to First Class Scout Paul Hrdlicka on Feb. 12. Paul, aged 12, is the of Pastor and Mrs. Herbert D. Hrdlicka of that church.

Left to right: Ralph Rose, scoutmaster of Troop 2, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, gustana; Scout Paul, member of Troop 2; Pastor Hrdlicka; Mrs. Hrdlicka, pinning on the dal; Frederick Govain, assistant executive director of Pomeraug Council, Boy Scouts of erica.

First English Church has a Boy Scout Troop 37, which started a year ago. Because Paul an his scouting with Troop 2, of St. Mark's, he has chosen to remain with that troop.

Photo by Arthur H. Schipul Jr.

Religious News Service Pho

Churchmen Who Visited Russia

These nine American Protestant leaders left New York on March 9 to visit Moscow, whe they held talks with Christian leaders there. Their 10-day trip marked the first phase of two-way visit that will bring Russian churchmen to this country next June as guests of t National Council of Churches.

Shown left to right are: front row, Bishop D. Ward Nichols of New York, head of t African Methodist Episcopal Church's First Episcopal District; the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sher of New York, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Dr. Eugene Carson Bla of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the USA and president of t National Council; and Charles C. Parlin of Englewood, N. J. (Methodist), an attorney a member of the National Council's General Board.

In rear: Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk of Mt. Vernon, N. Y. (Methodist), executive direct of the National Council's Department of International Affairs; Dr. Herbert Gezork of Newt Center, Mass. (Baptist), president of Andover Newton Theological Seminary; Dr. Roswell Barnes of New York (Presbyterian), the National Council's associate general secretary; D Franklin Clark Fry of New York, president of the United Lutheran Church in America; a Paul B. Anderson of New York (Congregational Christian), secretary of the YMCA Inte national Committee.

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irchentag 1956

RICHARD W. SOLBERG

Last summer about six hundred usand traveling Americans visited ope. This year's estimates pre- 900,000! No one knows how ny of these thousands will climb Eifel tower in Paris or St. Peter's Rome — or will view Mount-Blanc the Alps, or glide through the et dark beauty of Norway's fjords. ch depends on the travel tips neone has given in advance!

f the ratio of Lutherans in the l population of the United States also reflected in this predicted nt of summer wanderers in Eu- e, there should be about 37,000 veling Lutherans among them. No ıbt many of them would be inter- d in taking part in one of the ly great events in the life of the ırch of Germany, if they thought y could include it in their sum- r's tour of Europe.

The seventh German Evangelical chentag is scheduled this summer Frankfurt am Main, from August 12. Almost the whole of the ristian world followed this great men's rally with bated breath en it was held in 1954 behind the n Curtain in Leipzig, and thanked d for a still vital church in the East Zone of Germany which could rally 650,000 people to a closing Sunday afternoon rally after four solid days of rain.

This year the Kirchentag will center its great Bible hours, its study groups, its special youth, men's and women's rallies about the theme "Be ye reconciled to God," which is the motto of the year for the whole Church of Germany. The huge glass-steel exhibition halls of the Frankfurt Fair Grounds, some of which can seat up to 15,000 people, will be filled from morning to evening with men and women and young people of every background and calling. This is a laymen's movement, and the discussions will emphasize ways and means of bringing Christianity into daily living, in factory, shop, and office, field and farm, city and village, home and school!

This year Kirchentag leaders are making a special effort to encourage participation by visitors from other lands. Each day one of the Bible studies will be conducted in the English language, and it is hoped that translating equipment for both English and French will be available in one of the halls during the study groups.

Frankfurt youth have already been enlisted as guides, as private interpreters, and simply as friendly hands

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for the thousands of visitors who are expected. Already the invitations have gone out to all parts of the world. Preparatory literature is available in several languages and it seems clear that this year's Kirchentag will be an ecumenical experience in a very special sense.

Naturally one of the problems in connection with such a big assembly will be the providing of adequate housing. Frankfurt committees are tackling this as an opportunity, rather than as a problem, and they only urge prospective participants to write to them early for room reservations. Homes as well as hotels have been opened for the occasion. The Kirchentag address in Frankfurt i follows:

Deutscher Evangelischer Kirchen
(Protestant Laymen's Rally
in Germany)
FRANKFURT/M.
Postfach 7081

For an American church mem touring Europe this summer, and least for one of the Lutheran fam a visit to the Kirchentag of the G man Church may well prove to the summer's highlight. Here y can feel the pulse-beat of Christ Europe, which in this year of 19 is of far deeper significance th either landscapes or architecture.

Boy Scouts

by GEORGE A. EICHLER

How to Keep Scout Leaders

It is very important to select and recruit good scout leaders. It is equally important to keep them. Scouting is difficult, time-consuming work, and good leaders need to be encouraged, and recognized from time to time, or they may get weary in well doing.

Scout leaders, being human, like to have their efforts recognized. Scouts as a rule are not very thoughtful in such matters, so adults, parents, and other scout leaders must remember to make the leaders feel that their efforts are appreciated.

Industry and community groups have found that it pays to recognize the accomplishments of faithful wor ers by recognition dinners, certi cates, etc. Scout councils also ha recognition dinners for scoute These are good, but may be a bit t impersonal. Why not honor person ly a scoutmaster who has led a su cessful troop for the past five year He surely deserves it. During th time several hundred boys have h the benefit of his leadership. would be difficult to calculate th amount of good done for God an country during this time. So don hold back, give full recognition to good scout leader.

Proper recognition and backin

lves more than a casual an- ncement or even a dinner in or of a scout leader. It means also ng to it that adequate facilities on hand so that good work can one. Leaders frequently quit their s because of unfavorable working ditions. Is the meeting place all hould be? Are sufficient supplies, ks and equipment provided? Is financial backing adequate? It s money to promote anything, in- ling scouting. Show an interest in scoutmaster's job and offer to wherever possible. See to it that church council finds out about good work done by the leader. Do not forget to recognize the leader's family. They share him with the scouts. You have heard of the scout widow. Invite her to attend programs, dinners and other scout affairs. Make the family feel like they belong and are recognized. It works wonders.

Looking for a new leader is a difficult job. If you treat the one you have in the proper manner you may not have to go looking for a new one so often.

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As of February 11, 1956, a total of 5,623 ULCA scouts have applied for the *Pro Deo et Patria* award and 1,267 have been granted.

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otherhood in Action

CHARLES F. BROBST

Fellowship Friends Can Win Friends For Christ

Man craves for friendship; God created him so.

This is no new discovery. It has n learned long ago, but it has not ays been applied in making nds for our Lord.

The organizations in the church ve unlimited opportunities to "cash on this God-given quality and rning in man for friendship. otherhoods are not alone in pass- by the effective use of friendly ociations with approachable neigh- rs who are often unwillingly aloof m unaware Christians. The men the church need to be alerted and ected to exercise their witnessing ivilege and opportunity by being eager Christian fellowship friends.

A Fellowship Friend Committee in the Brotherhood, or any group, would not be amiss. The sponsoring agent is of little importance in comparison with the value of the activity and the results.

The committee should hand pick members of the church—husband and wife make an excellent team—to receive instructions and assignments for friendship cultivation.

One, or more, unchurched or lukewarm family is assigned to each Friendship Team. In congregations where no assignments are made, members can select prospects by their own initiative. There is no need to

wait for a committee to function. The team then proceeds to cultivate the friendship of the prospect.

1. As soon as the assignment is received, the team should make a personal and friendly call. If it is a new family, sincere words of welcome should be spoken. Inquire about the members of the family, where they lived, what church they attended. This leads to a natural discussion of church interests. The visitors can then speak interestingly and enthusiastically about their church. An invitation to attend can be extended, followed by an offer to stop for them on Sunday.

2. Bring the assigned family to church. Sit together. If they are unfamiliar with the service, assist them. Introduce them after the service to others, and especially to the pastor if he has not met them.

3. Whenever such families are absent, a church bulletin should be mailed or delivered. Inquires should be made, visits repeated and a friendly concern shown.

4. The man should be taken
the men's meeting, the woman to
women's meeting and the young p
ple to the youth gatherings.

5. Such families, especially th
who have children, can easily be
terested in the Sunday School.
ligious literature—*The Lutheran,*
theran Men, Lutheran Woma
Work, etc.,—can be shared with th

6. Birthdays and anniversar
can be noted.

7. Fellowship Friends or Spons
can and should use their ingenu
to interest and win the outsiders
being sincerely friendly and conce
ed about the welfare of neigh
citizens.

8. A continued interest should
shown after a prospect has affilia
with the church. A Fellowship Fri
is a link between the church and
prospect or new member until
person has become well establis
and integrated into the life of
church.

Education for Living

by EARL S. RUDISILL

Directed Study—What's It Good For?

Directed study is nothing new! But it has been neglected. Its values have been recognized and it has been used more outside the church than in any form of parish education. It is not a panacea to remedy all shortcomings or to meet all problems, but it can be of a great deal of help in leading people into learning.

A Problem

In many groups people like to h
all the "educational" work done
them. They really like to be enterta
ed, and they use much of their ene
in trying to evade the arduous la
of thinking. They are content to

e leader or teacher do the work of eparation and do all the talking. he big appeal is that it is easy. In isses where persons are willing to eak up, many do no more than ex- ress their prejudices or parade their k of information. Talk of this sort y break up the impasse of silence, t it accomplishes little more—and have a right to expect more. Just open one's mouth and talk is hard- an educational procedure. Discus- n calls for thinking, and thinking uires information with which the nd can work. Directed study, if perly used, can break this mental jam.

Directed Study Helps

This procedure is study in a group individual reading and thinking— der the direction of a competent der or teacher. It may last fifteen thirty minutes, and may be follow- by the use of various other thods, for which the study period made the group ready. The read- is to be silent, as a rule, and is be accompanied by serious think- . If the members of a group nestly do their part in the study iod they will be ready for active cussion a little later. They become quainted with principles and facts ich they can use in further thought. ual reasoning is spurred, partici- ion is rendered more likely, and ss members are given a new confi- ce in themselves. An additional ue in this procedure is that the dis- sion can take place while the facts still "hot"—before they are for- en or have faded into a haze— and better outcomes are assured.

Results

One result of such study is that more people are ready to participate when the time comes. In some. interest will have been developed to a considerable extent. When interest has been created people are more likely to express themselves than otherwise. Many people hesitate to speak out because they have a feeling that every one else is better informed than themselves and they don't want to show their ignorance. Directed study helps them to overcome this handicap and bolsters their feelings about themselves.

This method encourages careful reading—instead of the lackadaisical type which goes along with a wandering mind. A southern waitress, after having forgotten her order and having asked for two repetitions, remarked, "My mind just comes and goes." Careful reading and thinking call for concentration, which this method can generate. It is well suited to a number of ages—especially from twelve up, and on to the end.

No matter what other methods are used in a class or organization, this one may well supplement them. Let's try it out.

All Excited

He put the car in the garage and hurried into the house, quite excited.

"Do you know," be began, "I had the most exasperating experience with a coffic trap downtown—"

"With a what?" exclaimed his wife.

"With a trappic coff—a craffic top—a tropic caff—oh, hang it; You know what I mean!"

Editor's Page

Send Us News

What's happening in our Brotherhoods in the congregations, in the conference and in the synod? Are they still in existence? Are they doing anything? And if something is happening, why don't we find out about it?

Here is the reason for our curiosity: Looking over the first four issues of *Lutheran Men* for 1956, I find only eight items of news pertaining to Brotherhood doings.

January: One scout story.

February: One local and one synodical story.

March: Two synodical, two scout, one congregational story.

April: None.

Certainly that list of news does not exhaust the doings of Brotherhoods in one-third of a year!

Let us become a bit more news conscious. Almost anything a Brotherhood does is news, particularly if it involves more than holding a routine meeting each month.

Local Brotherhood news is often more interesting to read than routine accounts of synodical Brotherhood conventions. Why? The description of a synodical convention—as it comes to this editor—usually says nothing more than this: An annual convention of such-and-such synodical Brotherhood was held in such-and-such a church on such-and-such a date. Business sessions were presided over by the president. Ther was a fellowship banquet. New off cers were elected. The speeches wer inspiring.

Seldom is there any mention any important action taken, nor we learn what was really said the "challenging" and "inspiring speakers.

Consider now the local Brothe hood item from Wheeling, W. Va in this issue. That Brotherhood hol a "coffee fellowship" on the Sunda preceding the regular meeting of th men's group. Also, the members the Brotherhood use penny banks raise funds.

Other men's groups reading abo the "coffee fellowship" will as "Why didn't we think of doing som thing like that? Sounds like a goo idea. That penny bank is a good ide too. Let's try it ourselves."

Lutheran Men is the Brotherhood medium of exchange of ideas, i spiration and news, on all levels Brotherhood life. We are interest in knowing what Brotherhoods a doing besides holding regular me ings, and what synodical groups a planning and doing besides mere holding a routine convention.

Send us news.

Send news directly to the edit or to Headquarters, in New York but preferably to the editor: the Re Joseph B. Mohr, 3701 Avenue (eye), Brooklyn 10, New York.

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With your cooperation, and a little
cial effort on your part, *Lutheran*
n can become a lively periodical,
ich reflects the life and work of
men of our Church.

—Joseph B. Mohr

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ward for Sea Explorer Ship Goes to Chapel Hill, N. C., Brotherhood

The Sea Explorer Ship sponsored
the Brotherhood of Holy Trinity
heran Church, Chapel Hill, N. C.,
a blue ribbon for proficiency at
Scout Exposition in Raleigh. The
th maintained by them was based
the principles of navigation.

n appreciation of the Ships' co-
ration, the men of the Brother-
d treated the explorers to a steak
ner at Brady's Cafe. At the dinner
mber of explorers and their skip-
James Watson, reported on the
ous activities undertaken by the
. Pastor Wade F. Hook presented
bers of the scout committee with
t emblems. Those receiving the
were Joe Augustine, William
r, Brooks Warner, Thomas
nig and F. C. Hammerness.

n April 6 the Brotherhood spon-
d a young couples' supper for
purpose of acquainting young
couples with one another and with new members received into the church.

—William Kiser

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Lutheran Church Benefits From Art of Making Violins

by Glory Read

At an industrious 71, retired Duke University (Durham, N. C.) math professor Karl Patterson has begun a second career—and it doesn't net him a penny.

The age-old art of violin making always held a fascination for Patterson and when he retired three years ago he finally had the time to tackle it seriously.

All the money he gets from selling his violins goes to his church. In fact, "If you want a violin or have one that must be repaired, let me do it for you, and make the check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Durham, N. C.," he says.

A musician himself, violinist with the Duke Symphony Orchestra, he had previously repaired musical instruments, but violin making was a real challenge. With the aid of a book, *You Can Make A Stradivarius Violin*, and a do-it-yourself urge he's had since boyhood, Patterson began work. In the past three years he has made 13 violins.

He buys the "best materials and never completes an instrument that has any imperfections." Patterson reports that it takes about 200 actual work-hours to make a violin, and the material cost is about $50. The instruments sell for $500.

Count Me a Partner — In Ministering to the Needy

by CARL F. REUSS

Author

The writer of this month's topic is the executive secretary of the Board for Christian Social Action of the American Lutheran Church. He is also the chairman of the Division of Welfare Committee of the National Lutheran Council; a member of the Commission on Inner Missions of the Lutheran World Federation; and a former sociology faculty member at State College of Washington, Capital University, and Wartburg College. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Virginia.

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Topic Aims

1. To deepen appreciation of the compassion of Jesus.
2. To increase awareness of the variety of forms human need takes.
3. To lead "Christ's partners" to take on specific tasks, individually and together, for ministering to the needy.

JESUS is often called the comp sionate Savior. While on earth had a deep tenderness for anyone w was suffering from misfortune or fliction. He suffered with them. shared their anxieties. Better yet, did something about their proble Often he healed their ills, remo their infirmities, and answered th pleas for help. His compassion came action.

Acts of Jesus

Recall how Jesus gave sight to blind, opened the ears of the de drove out demons, made the paraly walk again, healed the woman w the continuing issue of blood, a restored the leper to health? Reme ber how he brought back to life only son of the widow of Nain, centurion's daughter, and the brot

Worship

Hymn: "One There Is Above All Others"— No. 389 C.S.B., or No. 298 P.S.H.
Scripture: Matthew 4:23-25
Prayer
Special Music
Hymn: "In the Hour of Trial"— No. 391 C.S.B. or No. 301 P.S.H.
Topic
Hymn: "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"— No. 390 C.S.B., or No. 300 P.S.H.
Prayer
Benediction
Business
Fellowship and Refreshments

Mary and Martha? He felt the ress of these people so deeply that took action and satisfied their ls.

Matthew 14:14 and *15:32* and *k 8:2* tell us that Jesus was moved n compassion at the needs of the titudes. He wept over Jerusalem, use of the stubborness of its peo- St. Peter, reviewing Jesus' minis- among men, stated that Jesus nt about doing good and healing hat were oppressed by the devil" *ts 10:38*). St. Matthew reports: went about all Galilee, teaching nd preaching . . . and healing . . . they brought him all the sick . . . he healed them" (*Matthew 4:23*, . Jesus was truly the compas- iate Savior.

Call for Helpers

he plight of the multitudes moved is to call for help to meet the ls. The story is told in *Matthew 5-38*.

n our day we, his followers, are only laborers he has to do his k of preaching, teaching, and ling. To us he has given the ability ninister to the needs of men. These ers come through diligent study by the use of medicine, nursing, chology, social work, govern- ital administration, and the like. en men, in the name of Jesus, ister to the needs of their fellows, are God's agents for bringing ut miracles of recovery.

n *Matthew 22:35-40*, Jesus taught love for God and neighbor is the mary of the commandments. In forecast of the Last Judgment, Jesus said that account will be taken of how we treat the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the prisoner (*Matthew 25: 34-46*). Our actions and attitudes toward the needy will be part of the permanent record in the heavenly files!

How we minister to the needy is a measure of our devotion to God, as Jesus pointed out in *John 13:35:* "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." St. John advised in *I John 3:18:* "Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and truth." St. James warns that "Faith without works is dead."

Sympathy, Equality, Justice

We human beings cannot measure up to the perfection of compassion which Jesus showed. But we can show sympathy. Sympathy, too, bears another's burdens and shares the feelings of the other. The ideal of sympathy stems from the equality of all men before God. This equality supports the principle of social justice. Is not the real root of social justice actually charity—love for neighbor which grows out of love for God?

Love compels us to be Jesus' partners in seeing and understanding human needs, and then in ministering to their relief.

Need Takes Many Forms

Who are the needy? Jesus answered that question in his parable of the Good Samaritan. Any person, group of persons, community, or nation that needs help which we can render, or has problems which require out-

side help to overcome, are the needy.

Needs are of many kinds. There is poverty and want; there is perplexity and confusion; there is loneliness and the need for companionship. There is sickness of short or long duration, pain, and bereavement. There is lack of mental capacity and mental illness.

There are also other needs and problems. There are alcoholics, the criminals who fall into temptations, the enfeebled older people who have been "put on the shelf," the neglected or mistreated children who know none of the love which a child should know.

Ways of Helping

Needs of body, mind, and soul—these it is to which Jesus' partners are called to minister. In ministering to the needy Jesus' partners have two lines of approach. They can work alone, or they can work with others. Of course, they can do both—at times the one, then the other. Sight should never be lost of the fact that the most effective help can often be given by the individual who is moved by Christian compassion and who in Christ's name gives direct aid.

In working with others, three main avenues are open to Christ's partners: (1) the church, with its welfare, inner mission, or charitable activities, at home and abroad; (2) the community, with its variety of institutions and agencies; and (3) the government—county, state and national—with its programs of relief, rehabilitation, health, and welfare.

Church and community programs rely upon voluntary contributions money, time, energy, and intere Government programs are financ by taxes, and so involve compulsio Is it right to force one person to he another in distress, or should he fulness always be voluntary? If g ernment did not compel the mo favored to support services to t needy, how could it be sure that h man needs actually would be me

A Personal Responsibility

No matter how well organized t programs of church, community, government may be, it still is up the individuals to see that these p grams really minister to human ne An individual may delegate to oth the actual task of serving, and m finance the service through gifts taxes, but it remains his respon bility to see that the needy are serve God will not ask on the Judgme Day, "Did your church have hom for children? Did your commun provide hospitals and nurses? D your government feed the hungry a clothe the naked?" He will ask "D you do those things?"

You have a stake in all progra of ministering to the needy, rega less of their auspices. It is your w they are doing, and your obligati they are carrying out. You ne therefore, to develop a constructi interest and a helpful understandi You want to see that the real ne of people are met in the spirit Christian love and helpfulness. Y do not want to do things *to* or *f* people, but to work *with* people w are in need so that you can help th

p themselves out of their diffi-ies.

Lutheran Agencies

As a Lutheran, you are a partner n fellow believers in ministering to needy through a more compre-sive and stronger welfare program n that of any other Protestant rch body. Homes and services for dren, homes for older people, hos-ls, institutional chaplains and sionaries are provided by Luther-in America. Other institutions the church serve the mentally re-led, physically handicapped, the neless, the tubercular.

Your overseas work, in which you a partner with Christ and fellow herans, is also a thrilling work. It vides food, clothing, worship sup-s, medicines and health services, new homes for refugees and ers who are in need across the s.

Community Agencies

Your church, however, cannot ve all the needy. Community action equired, and in this, too, you are partner. Even though the Lord's ne may not be mentioned in these mmunity activities of helping chil-n, the aged, the sick, providing reational and leisure-time outlets, ng counsel to husbands and wives children, these too are the Lord's k. By supporting these wholesome mmunity activities you are minis-ng to the needy.

Governmental Agencies

Even communities, acting alone, not minister to all needs. Through ernment you become a partner with still others, paying taxes to provide health, welfare, and correctional services. You build, staff, and maintain schools for the retarded, prisons, reformatories and training schools for the law-breakers, hospitals for the mentally ill, institutions for the epileptic, and rehabilitation centers for the crippled and handicapped.

You also provide welfare services and funds intended to help people overcome their problems and to continue living in their own homes. Aid to dependent children, old age and survivor's insurance, aid to the blind, workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, family service departments, and general relief or public assistance grants are some of the ways in which you minister to the needs of people through your government.

The Tenth Objective

Ministering to the needy fits squarely into the Tenth Objective of the Brotherhood, which calls for "men, as Christian citizens, to exert an individual and collective Christian influence in the community."

Men of the Brotherhood, inspired by the divine example of the compassionate Jesus, and out of a faith which flows into works of serving love, will gladly pledge, "Count Me a Partner—In Ministering to the Needy."

For Study and Discussion

1. What are the evidences that your congregation is conscious of the needs of men?

2. What agencies of your church are ministering to human needs? (Call for the report of the committee that was appointed.)

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3. What community and governmental agencies to serve the needy are at work in your community? (Call for the report of the committee appointed last month.)

4. Why can't we discharge our total responsibility through church, community, and governmental agencies?

5. What are the unmet social problems that exist in your community, and how may they be met? (Call for the report of the special committee that was appointed.)

Suggestions for Action

1. Plan a visit by the Brotherhood to some nearby church-supported institution, and take steps to participate more enthusiastically in its work.

2. Take steps to plan good programs of fellowship and recreation for the older people of your congregation or community.

3. Take definite steps to do something about the social problems and needs which exist in your community and which were revealed by the special committee that made an investigation.

4. Show and discuss the film p vided by the committee that was pointed last month.

Serving Our Children
Assignments for the July (Seventh) Meet

In our day children are receiving attention and consideration than in any vious age. This is as it should be. We only following the example of Jesus, received little children and loved and ble them.

Next month our Brotherhood topic will "Count Me a Partner—In Loving Childr In preparation for that meeting the follo committees should be appointed:

1. A committee to prepare lists of the lowing Bible passages which should be by all members of the Brotherhood before meeting:

Psalm 127:3-5
Isaiah 8:18
Proverbs 10:1
Mark 9:36, 37
Matthew 19:13-15
Mark 10:13-16
Luke 18:15-17
Matthew 17:14-18

2. A committee to investigate what perc age of the congregation's children attend day school, vacation church school, week church school, and how many men are ticipating in these programs as leaders.

3. A committee to investigate what or izations of the church and community ministering to the needs of children and yo and to report on the nature of their progr and the quality of their leadership.

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A Scout's Good Deed

Dear Brethren:

Every so often we hear of "he and hero awards." Here is an i dent which seems to come under category.

Assistant Scoutmaster Henry Talley of Grace Lutheran Troop B. S. A., noticed that the laun milk, and newspaper had not b taken in at the home of a for neighbor, a Mr. Lloyd, a ret pharmacist, member of the G Lutheran "Golden Age Club."

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Mr. Talley tried the door, found it unlocked, but secured with a safety chain. He called, but received no answer. Then he notified Mr. Lloyd's pastor and called the police.

The combined weight and strength of Mr. Talley and two husky policemen failed to break the safety chain. Then Mr. Talley entered the adjoining house, climbed out on the front porch roof, crossed over and forced open the front bedroom window of the Lloyd residence.

Entering, he found Mr. Lloyd lying helpless on his kitchen floor. He was rushed to a hospital.

Still conscious, he revealed the fact that he had been lying helpless for two days on his kitchen floor in a cold house (furnace fire had gone out), without food or water. Another few hours probably would have proven fatal.

But for the quick thinking and action of Scout Talley, this good man undoubtedly would have died.

Very cordially yours,
Ralph L. Wagner

(This letter was written to the Scouting Commission, Minneapolis, Minn., by Pastor Wagner of Grace Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa.)

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Slow Process Reported On New Common Service

The new service book and hymnal of the ULCA may be off the press by Easter of 1957, but "nothing is certain," according to Dr. Luther D. Reed, who heads the cooperative project begun in 1945. Dr. Reed is chairman of the Joint Commission on the Liturgy and Hymnal, co posed of representatives of the ei bodies associated in the National theran Council.

"The mechanical processes moving terribly slowly," Dr. R reported. "Hand-set music typog phy is a slow business and the firms that can do this work crowded with orders. We have to wait for the new Presbyter hymnbook to get through the wo That is now off the press and work is going a bit faster."

New York Synod Opposes Legalization of "Bingo"

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all of our people to avoid par-
ticipation in them and become a force of opposition to them."

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Seminary Professor Named Knubel-Miller Lecturer

Dr. Martin J. Heinecken of Philadelphia has been named the Knubel-Miller lecturer for 1957. Professor of systematic theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Dr. Heinecken will lecture on "Christian Freedom and Unity." The series of six lectures will be delivered during January and February in Atlanta, Ga.; Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada; Detroit, Mich.; Milwaukee, Wis.; and either in Los Angeles or San Francisco, Calif. Dates for the lectures will be announced later.

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4,000 Women Needed

Four thousand women will be needed during the next five years for full-time service in the ULCA, according to the Board of Higher Education. Dr. Mildred Winston, associate secretary of the board, said the church needs 800 women every year for full-time positions in parishes, communities, institutions and the general work of the church. Older women, as well as younger women just out of high school and college, are needed.

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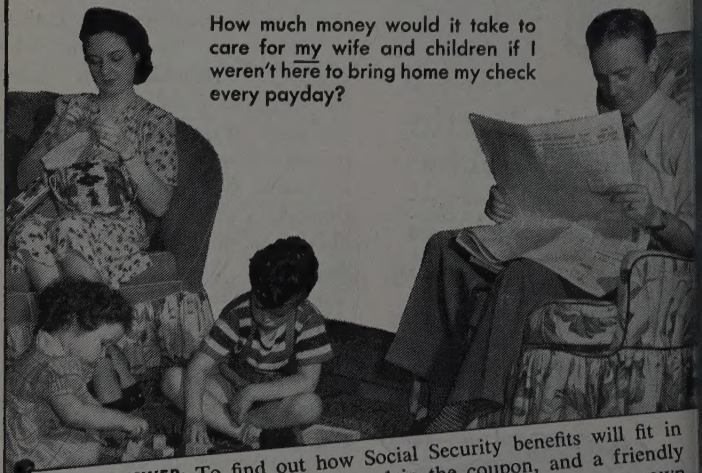

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